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Generally there would be found on each issue at least one subject having a minute scratch or extra dot and these being duly reported in the philatelic press there ensued a great scurrying around to get the variety before some irreverent clerk used the things for postage. Plate varieties became a standard adjunct of U. S. specialization. So also did bigger and better magnifying glasses. Statistics on increase of headaches are not available.

Plate numbers, until this now dimly remembered Era, were collected with what was more habit than enthusiasm, but the appearance of the commemoratives saw post office stocks converted as if by magic into sheets of 94 or 96. It got so bad that we suspect some collectors got like precancel collectors and only collected the stamps because they came with the numbers. And precancels remind us of another offshoot of this new era. Elbow grease supplied by stamp collectors plus precancel handstamps loaned by obligingly ignorant postal clerks resulted in appearance of such numbers of precancelled commemoratives that the precancel boys had to virtually declare an embargo to discourage the reckless production of inverts and doubles—and occasionally (probably by accident) a normal impression.

The collecting of first day covers was given major rank in collecting activities, but at first it suffered a little from the Post Office trying to see how many places could sell a new stamp on the first day, climaxed by the Sullivan splurge in June 1929. A modicum of reason prevailed and eventually the first day was concentrated in one point where postal and philatelic forces could battle things out without disrupting too much of the postal service.

Yessirree, when the boys took down their muskets 166 years ago today to have a shot or two at those redcoated blitzkriegers they couldn't have realized what they were starting. If they had, maybe they'd have left the muskets and Sam Adams hang, and not been so enthusiastic about their one day chore which is not yet finished. Or maybe more of us of the present, like a very few loudly do, would wish the redcoats had done the chasing that April day?

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Liberian Commonwealth First Day Covers

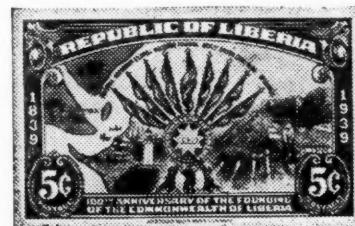
BY BEN HAMILTON, JR.

WITH a philatelic coup de maître of colossal magnitude, the Liberian Post Office Department and its satellite, the Liberian Philatelic Agency in New York City, have helped to make a new milestone in the history of the hobby. The first official first day covers sanctioned by the African republic have come through and the Liberian postal administration has, on one more rare occasion, kept its word.

Much to the surprise of senders and friends alike the first day covers finally came through. All of which proves that the Liberian Philatelic Agency's threats to penalize collectors who did not patronize the organization by ignoring their covers were not to be taken any more seriously than the half-hearted threats of the Liberian postal authorities to be dictatorial.

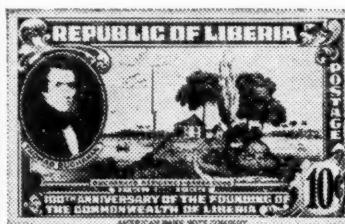
Despite the elaborate ballyhoo issued by Liberian officials concerning the first day covers

29th, 1940, in the same type face but in letters scarcely a half millimeter in height. The third line reads 100TH ANNIVERSARY, the fourth says FOUNDING OF THE and the fifth line is inscribed COMMONWEALTH OF LIBERIA. The lettering in the last three lines is of the same style but is slightly more than a millimeter in height. By means of a microscopic pin point and infinitesimal type the capital city is marked on the map.



Those who read the New York Times stamp page and certain members of the philatelic press will recall that the head of the Liberian Philatelic Agency in New York City pointed out that first day covers for the Liberian Commonwealth stamps, nos. 277-279, would be serviced solely by that outfit. In the circular promulgated by the Liberian Post Office Department announcing the establishment of a philatelic agency in New York City under the jurisdiction of the astute philatelist, Walter F. Walker, it was further emphasized that no covers would be serviced which were not sent to Monrovia by the Walker agency.

We have just received a cover from an individual who obtained it direct from Liberia without its having been handled by the New York Liberian Philatelic Agency. The person to whom the cover was addressed had read that first day covers were going to be mailed from Monrovia of these stamps and sent some covers to the Liberian capital with remittance to cover cost of the stamps. Later the individual mentioned read that no covers originating from abroad, that were not sent by the Liberian consul-general at New York, would be serviced by the Liberian Post Office Department. Consequently, it was thought that these covers would not come through.



of the Liberian Commonwealth stamps, the cachet is worse than banal and even the special cancellation used is much more attractive. The cachet is a magenta rubberstamp impression consisting of a design which must have been devised in some elementary school art class.

The design shows a simple outline map of Liberia, 54 mm. long and 30 mm. wide at the broadest tip. There are five lines of small type almost big enough to be seen without a magnifying glass. The first line reads FIRST DAY OF ISSUE and is in serifless capitals 1 mm. high. This line is underscored for emphasis. The second line bears the date, July

The special cancellation is novel and is a local burlesque on the special first day machine cancellations used in the United States. The Liberian cancellation consists of three thin horizontal lines, 96 mm. long, with a space of 1 1/4 mm. between each line, at the top. Then in two lines of serifless type with caps 2 mm. high is the inscription MONROVIA, LIBERIA JULY 29, 1940. The first line, 37 mm. long, is indented 6 mm. from the left end of the lines, and the second line of type 25 mm. long, is spaced so that the J of JULY comes accurately under the N of MONROVIA and the O of 1940 falls squarely under the E of LIBERIA. Beneath the two lines of type are three more horizontal lines as at the top. Thus the entire cancellation measures 22x96 mm. It is handstruck in greasy, grayish black ink.

According to advance announcements the cachet to be used on such covers was to have been printed. However, Liberian postal officials apparently are unable to distinguish between printed and rubber stamped material and hence to them anything not scribbled in ink or pencil must perforce be printed. We are very glad that the Liberian Philatelic Agency and its parent, the Liberian Post Office Department, had such a great success. The Liberian treasury must have been opu-

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lently enriched and the galaxy of subscribers to this cover service must consider their covers as philatelic treasures greater than would be a copy of the 24-cent U. S. airmail with inverted center.

All we hope is that the Liberian postal officials will not forget that they have promised to tell collectors and dealers how many of the Commonwealth stamps were printed, issued, and when these labels will be demonetized. It is hoped that the success attendant upon the Liberian Philatelic Agency's first major philatelic undertaking will not cause Consul-general Walker and Postmaster-General Brown to forget this promise with the same accuracy they have violated other promises and confidences in the past.

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Hong Kong Centennial

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"Can you please tell me what difference there is between 544B and 545?" Our reader does not carefully read the catalogue descriptions. As stated there the difference is a matter of size of the design. #544B is the same size as #543, the only difference between 543, 544 and 544B being their perforations. These three stamps were normal rotary press printings and the designs are the same size as other normal rotary press stamps. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing about the same period tried to economize by using waste sheets of sidewise coil stamps by perforating them fully so they could be sold as ordinary sheet stamps and these account for numbers 538-539-541-545-546. In curving plates for printing sidewise coil stamps the plates are curved *sidewise*, consequently these stamps measure slightly wider than the flat plate stamp of the same design. In curving plates for printing ordinary sheet stamps on the rotary press, the plates are curved *endwise* of the stamp design, consequently ordinary rotary press stamps are higher than the corresponding flat plate stamp. For common examples compare the flat plate 1c 1923 (#552) with its rotary counterpart of 1926-27 (#581 the perf. 10 stamp or #632 the perf. 11x10½) and the endwise coil (#604) and the sidewise coil (#597). #552 will be smaller than any of the others, as 581, 632 and 604 will be identical in size with each other but measure about 3/4 mm. higher than 552. #597 will measure about that much wider than 552 but the height will be the same. Due to shrinkage of the paper during printing, the variation in size necessarily is not the same, and extreme variations are occasionally found.

"In the story on the last trip of the Fort Wayne & Newcastle R.P.O. it is said the last run was made by Engine number 375, but my covers had Engine No. 304? Will you tell me why?" No reference was made to any "engine" as the car was a trolley car and numbered 375. Our reader has mistaken the "TR 304" in the postmark to indicate the number of the car. "TR" is abbreviation for "Train" and Train 304 is the timetable designation of the northbound run. Train 301 would be indicated on the southbound run. R.P.O. postmarks never include the number of

the rolling stock composing the train, but only the number of that train as it appears in the transportation company timetables.

"What's the difference between a Philatelic Label and a Poster Stamp?" A philatelic label IS a poster stamp, but all poster stamps are not philatelic labels. We mention in our columns those labels—or poster stamps—which are issued by philatelic societies to advertise or finance exhibitions and conventions, and term them "Philatelic Labels" to distinguish them from other poster stamps (such as oil, tourist, aviation etc.) which have no philatelic origin. Our new magazine, The Collector, will have a column each month written by Edwin Brooks, and devoted to ALL kinds of poster stamps, mainly non-philatelic. News items on non-philatelic labels should be sent direct to him, not to LINPRINT.

Several readers have recommended use of Scotch tape to mount covers, etc. Robert L. Jones of Philadelphia writes that he has found this very unsatisfactory as the cement on the tape over a period of several years has oozed out and spread in a yellowish stain on the adjoining paper. Some of the stain reached some blocks and he would appreciate information on how to remove it. Who can supply this data? Scotch tape we might note is unsatisfactory for permanent use anyway, as it has a tendency to dry and become brittle.

"Please let me know how to obtain covers from naval vessels." We've answered this before, but repeat: Send covers addressed and stamped inside another envelope which is addressed: Navy Mail Clerk, U. S. S. Blank, New York, N. Y. Of course you should take care to see you have enough postage and should enclose a note politely requesting clear cancellations. Complete lists of naval post offices are to be found in the Postal Guide at each U. S. post office, which may be examined upon request.

"Are there any catalogues or other books describing the various kinds of cancellations?" There have been a number of publications of this sort, covering singly markings from Colonial days to the present, but no complete list under any one volume. As these books have been received for review, a description has been carried under our Book

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*32-34	.50	*64-67	1.25	175-77	.75
32-35	.40	*64-68	1.75	*179-81	.55
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Reviews. The most comprehensive checklist is Delf Nörner's *Cyclopedia* which was issued in two volumes in 1933 to 1935, divided into 33 different condensed illustrated articles and checklists on the various types of postmarks and cancellations. Cost was about \$5, but we are not certain if out of print. Contact him at Moundsville, W. Va. There have been special catalogues for Stampless Slogan Postmarks, Navals, and others and we will supply publisher's address of any upon receipt of return card or envelope.

"What are these" inquiries a reader of two small perforated labels with denomination expressed as 50 kopecks and 1 rubel 50 kopecks. The only other lettering is a "C." and "M." flanking an allegory of an anvil, cogwheel and crossed square and tools. Cancellation seems to be regular Soviet postmark. Since these lack the usual Russian characteristics of postage stamps we can only assume they are labels such as our own Red Cross and other charity. Thousands of non-postage labels have been permitted to be used by foreign countries on mail matter and not infrequently they are defaced or cancelled by usual postal cancellations. Earlier Russian labels than these appear to be are often identified as *Zemstvos*, or Local Post Stamps, a characteristic of Russia prior to establishment in the late 19th Century of better postal service by the national government.

The 4d Black Cape Triangle

Fred B. Saunders, President of the Philatelic Society of Cincinnati offers additional matter concerning the mystery 4 pence black Cape of Good Hope triangle which was discussed on page 326 in the March 22 LINN'S. In a catalogue published by Sever & Francis at Cambridge in 1863 he finds the 4d listed in three colors: blue, black and reddish-brown and as proof that the stamp even then was not considered to be merely a proof or trial color, he points out that for the second group of these stamps "1861 lithographed" they list the 4d in blue and red but the word "proof" in parentheses is noted after the red listing, showing the publishers indicated such listings as were known to be of proofs. Unfortunately the worth of this catalogue insofar as accuracy is placed in doubt by their use of the term "lithographed" as the Cape triangles were never printed by that method. The stamps were engraved originally and typographed provisionally. We thank Mr. Saunders for his courtesy.

Additional naval post offices ordered established include Sixth Defense Battalion, Fleet Marine Force Branch, New York, N. Y. and U. S. S. Gillis.

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- On April 30 the post offices named will close: Platin, Mo.; Adaven, Nevada; Audra, Ky.; Dennis Mills, La.; Congleton, Ky.; and Billmeyer, Pa.
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SHANGHAI, INTERNATIONAL CENTER of China has suffered so extensively, particularly from high prices as a result of the war and war scares, that a temporary suspension of publication was forced upon the Asia Stamp Journal published there. We are glad to note that despite tremendous handicaps, this journal has resumed publication. It is one of the best foreign philatelic journals.

FROM MARY O. WILSON COMES THE first number of her house organ, The Richmond Traveler. A single mimeographed sheet it contains comments on current items of interest and special stamp offers.

MRS. ALBERT LEU SAYS THAT THE post office at West New York, N. J., has several thousand 4¢ Army stamps. In view of the speed with which other such stamp stocks have been gobbled up, if you don't read this within a few days after its printed, it will be useless to send for the stamps. That is, we assume the postmaster will accept orders for the stamps.

THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE settlement of Liberia by the American Colonization Society will be commemorated (though *why* is beyond us) next December by again overprinting the 1940 commemoratives. Of course we are just suspicious but it does seem odd that they can be sure of having quantities to overprint in the distant future when there was not enough to meet demands for the current overprints. The British have been raising funds by selling old stamps, but the Liberians are going considerably farther and printing them especially for that purpose.

WE WONDER WHAT A STRANGER, IN particular a W. C. T. U. field agent would think when seeing this heading, "1¢ Booklet, No. 498, 2 D. T.'s" ??? It was in the Bureau Specialist and of course referred to double transfers.

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Philatelic Truck Schedule

The Post Office Department has announced the itinerary of the Post Office Department's Philatelic Truck for the months of May and June, 1941:

May 1, New Albany, Miss., and Tupelo, Miss.; May 2, Columbus, Miss.; May 3 and 5, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; May 6-7-8, Birmingham, Ala.; May 9, Anniston, Ala.; May 10, Sylacauga, Ala.; May 12, Montgomery, Ala.; May 13, Greenville, Ala.; May 14, Evergreen, Ala. and Brewton, Ala.; May 15, Pensacola, Florida; May 16, Mobile, Ala.; May 17, Biloxi, Miss.; May 19, Gulfport, Miss.; May 20-21-22, New Orleans, Louisiana; May 23, Baton Rouge, La.; May 24, Natchez, Miss.; May 26, Vicksburg, Miss.; May 27, Jackson, Miss.; May 28, Tallulah, La.; May 29, Monroe, La.; May 31 and June 2, Shreveport, La.

June 3-4, El Dorado, Arkansas; June 5, Camden, Ark.; June 6, Pine Bluff, Ark.; June 7 and 9, Little Rock, Ark.; June 10, Searcy and Judsonia, Ark.; June 11, Bald Knob and Augusta, Ark.; June 12, Wynne and Forrest City, Ark.; June 13, Marianna and Helena, Ark.; June 14, Harrisburg, Ark.; June 16, Newport and Walnut Ridge, Ark.; June 17, Jonesboro, Ark.; June 18, Monette and Blytheville, Ark.; June 19, Hayti and New Madrid, Missouri; June 20, Sikeston, Mo.; June 21, Cairo, Illinois; June 23, Cape Girardeau, Mo.; June 24, Perryville and Ste. Genevieve, Mo.; June 25, Herculaneum, Mo.; June 26-27-28 and 30, St. Louis, Mo.

Coronado Celebration Continues

Kansas is making preparations to celebrate the fourth centenary of the explorations of Coronado in the area now contained in that state. The luckless Spanish explorer had traveled as far north as the Indian villages there in his unsuccessful search for gold in 1541. While no additional stamps are being issued, it is assumed Kansas offices will be supplied with the Coronado stamp issued last year when the Cuarto Centennial was officially opened. As advertised last week, the Kansas Committee is sponsoring a Pony Express observance which will feature cachets and special covers.

British Colonial Additions

The Crown Agents for the Colonies have announced additional changes in the stamp issues of the colonies. The following have been ordered: Bahamas 1d gray, 2d red and 3d blue; Barbados 1d green; Bermuda 2½d gray black and blue; Falklands 1d mauve and black in design of present 2d, 2d red and black in design of current 1d and 3d (a new denomination) blue and black in design of the 2½d. All above except the 3d Falklands are color changes. The KenMore Kollector reports many other changes are likely in the near future including possibly a War Tax stamp for Trinidad.

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American Air Mail Society—The 1941 Convention will be held at Atlantic City, N. J., August 15 to 17. Headquarters will be the Hotel Claridge.

Boston, Mass.—The golden anniversary banquet, mentioned on page 310, of the Boston Philatelic Society will be held at 6:30 P. M., May 15 at the Hotel Lenox, tickets \$1.50. Reservations to Henry Schuhmacher, President, 11 S. Fairview St., Roslindale, Mass.

Canton, Ohio—Members of the Cleveland Stamp Club will journey to Canton in a chartered bus Wednesday evening, April 23, when they will be the guests of the McKinley Stamp Club at the Hotel Belden. The bus will leave Cleveland at 6 P. M.

Cocoa, Fla.—The annual Hobby Show of the Junior Chamber of Commerce March 31 to April 2, featured stamp displays among the entries. The Brevard County Stamp Club appointed hostesses for each day of the show.

Racine, Wisc.—The Eighth Annual Banquet of the Belle City Stamp Club will be held at Nelson's Hotel, in the Gold Room on Thursday, April 24 at 7 P. M. Several speakers are scheduled, including Reverend Robert Tilton of Racine. The club promises one of their customary "lively" annuals. Reservations may be made to Chairman George T. Colman, 615 Cleveland Ave., Racine, Wisc. This club meets regularly at the Y.M.C.A. in the Social Hall on first and third Friday evenings.

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32	.02	66	.02	91*	115	.04	115*	.03	136*	.15	160	.01	182	.12	B2	.08	B36	.07
33	.01	67	.01	92	116	.10	115*	.04	137	.01	161	.01	183*	.12	B3	.08	B37	.12
34	.02	68	.08	93	117	.06	116	.02	137*	.30	162	.01	195	.01	B4	.15	B43*	.14
35	.18	69	3.75	93*	118	.06	117*	.02	138*	.35	164	.01	196	.02	B7	.15	C1	6.00
38	.02	70	.01	94	119	.25	118*	.01	139	.35	164*	.02	197	.08	B9	.08		
39	.05	71	.01	94*	120	.01	119*	.01	140	.75	166	.02	197*	.25	B10	.10		
40	.01	72	.01	95*	121	.05	120*	.01	140*	1.75	167	.01	205	.07	B11	.15	182-183*	.50
41	.01	72*	.03	96	122	.02	121*	.02	141	.04	168	.01	206	.32	B12	.08	207-209*	.35
42	.01	73	.01	96*	123	.06	122*	.02	142	.08	168*	.04	206*	.25	B14	.15	215-218*	.25
43*	.10	74	.04	97	124	.02	123*	.02	143	.03	169	.01	207	.10	B15	.08	B2-4*	.33
44*	.85	75	1.50	98	125	.02	124*	.02	143*	.07	170	.02	208	.06	B16	.10	B5-7*	.35
45*	.85	77	.02	98*	126	.02	125*	.02	144	.01	170*	.12	209	.10	B17	.15	B9-11*	.35
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53	.15	80	.01	100*	130	.08	129*	.02	147	.01	173	.02	214*	.12	B21	.08	B21-23*	.35
54*	.40	81	.01	101	131	.02	129*	.10	148	.02	174	.02	215	.02	B23	.15	B24-26*	.30
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BRAZIL—Types of 1920-22 Two more values on the paper watermarked "Star-Brasil-Star-Correio-Star," same as that first noted by us Dec. 21, 1940. Typed, perf. 11:

A57—20c. dull violet

A76—600r. dull orange

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

BULGARIA—Commemoratives. We now learn from Scott's Monthly Journal, that the set we termed "Famous Bulgarians" in our notes of February 22nd., was issued to commemorate the liberation of Bulgaria from the Turks in 1789. The 1L pictures P. R. Slaveikoff; 2L Sofroni; 3L Saint Ivan Rilsky; 4L Marin Drinov; 7L Monk Hrabur; and 10L Kolio Fitcheto.

CHINA—Correction. In our notes of November 16, 1940, we listed three values types A57 on the new watermarked paper. One value we noted was a 10c green. We note in the lastest Scott's Monthly Journal that an 8c. is so listed in place of the 10c. As we do no have these stamps at hand now, we assume that we made an error in our previous listing and so mention that our readers who collect the stamps of China may be correctly informed.

Offices in Sinkiang. Stamps of China of 1939-40, overprinted in black in one line in Chinese characters for use here. Unwmkd:

A57—2c olive green

A57—5c green

A57—15c scarlet

A57—25c dark blue

A57—51c orange-brown & sepia

A57—82c deep blue & brown-orange

A57—85c red & green

A57—\$10. green & purple

A57—\$20. lake & blue

Same overprint on under-noted values that are on paper watermarked Chinese characters:

A57—5c olive green

A57—10c green
A57—30c scarlet
A57—50c dark blue

(R. Roberts)

CZECHOSLOVAKIA—Bohemia and Moravia. Postage Due Stamps. Type of 1939. unwmkd., perf. 14, typographed:

DI—80h. carmine

DI—120h. ultramarine

Slovakia. Air Post Stamps. Upright rectangular format, wmkd, double barred crosses, perf. 12½, photogravure:

5k. violet brown (Plane in Flight)

SP48—2.50fr. plus 25c bright ultramarine

Above are engraved, unwmkd., perf. 13. (Scott's Monthly Journal)

FRANCE—Commemorative. In honor of Frederic Mistral, the poet and leader of the modern Provençal revival in southern France. Born September 8, 1830 and died in 1914. Small rectangular format, perf. 14x15, numeral of value in lower right corner. Engraved:

1fr. reddish brown (Mistral)

Precancel. The 60c red orange type A95, Scott's #370, has been sent us by The Stamp Mart, along with the above noted commemorative, with the notation that this stamp is scarce. Just what the significance of this is, we cannot say, unless that the stamp is now being issued only precanceled. If such is the case, it still probably will not rate catalog recognition in as much as it already exists not precanceled.

CAMBIA—New Value. Under-noted is to be added to the current series:

5d. slate-purple & olive

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

GERMANY—Semi-Postal. Honoring the Axis solidarity. Horizontal rectangular format. Portraits of Mussolini and Hitler in a square in the center; in a vertical panel to the left are the Roman fasces and at the right are the German Eagle and Swastika. Postage numerals in square in lower left and surtax numerals in lower right. Across the top is the German words meaning "Two Peoples and One Battle":

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COLD COAST—New Value. Design same as other shilling values of the current set: 183d. sepia & turquoise (Gibson's Stamp Monthly)

GREECE—**Postal Tax Stamp**. Under-noted stamp, overprinted with a double-barred cross and one line of Greek lettering, in red. Unwmkd., perf. 13½x12: PT7—50L. gray-green on pale green (The Stamp Mart)

ITALY—**Axis Solidarity Issue**. Horizontal rectangular format, perf. 14, wmkd. Crowns; Numerals of value in each lower corner, central portion shows Hitler at the left and Mussolini at the right, facing each other:

50c purple
75c. carmine
1.25L. blue

(The Stamp Mart)

JAPAN—**National Parks Series**. Tsugita-Taroko Set. 2s. and 10s. are upright rectangular format, while other two are horizontal.

2s. sepia (Seisui precipice, showing auto road)
4s. emerald (Mount Sylvia)
10s. carmine (Takoro Gorge)
20s. ultramarine (Mountain peaks)

Daiton-Zan, Niitaka-Zan Set. All four values in this set are horizontal:

2s. sepia (Mount Daiton)
4s. emerald (Mount Niitaka)
10s. carmine (Buddhist Monastery)
20s. ultramarine (Arisan Mountain range)

The above two sets were issued March 10 and First Day Covers as well as mint copies of all values are acknowledged from our correspondent and good friend Mr. Karl Lewis of Yokohama. He informs us in his letter that the pictorial cancellations in red that were previously used on Japanese First Day Covers, will no longer be used by the post offices in Japan. Just the ordinary black cancel will be used henceforth.

LUXEMBURG—**Occupation Stamps**. Under-noted stamps of Luxembourg have been surcharged with new values in German coinage. The old value has in each case been blocked out. Surcharge is in black:

A18—3rpf. on 15c. black
A18—4rpf. on 20c. orange
A18—5rpf. on 35c. yellow green
A18—6rpf. on 10c. olive green
A18—8rpf. on 25c. violet brown
A18—10rpf. on 40c. grey
A18—12rpf. on 60c. blue grey
A18—15rpf. on 1fr. rose
A18—20rpf. on 50c. reddish brown
A18—25rpf. on 5c. dark violet
A18—30rpf. on 70c. blue violet
A18—40rpf. on 75c. bistre brown
A18—50rpf. on 1¼fr. blue green
A35—60rpf. on 2fr. brown-rose
A22—80rpf. on 5fr. blue green
A23—100rpf. on 10fr. green

(The Stamp Mart)

SWEDEN—**Coil Stamps**. Two more values in the 1939-40 design. Perf. 12½ vertically:

A60—5 ore, green
A60—35 ore, red-violet

(The Stamp Mart)

Camel Mail at Obock

The *New York Sun* back in 1894 announced to its readers that the French government was about to issue stamps for a postal service using camels in Obock and the Somali coast. The centers of the triangular stamps (now well known as scarce items to philatelists) were to depict a mehari, or racing camel, with desert as a background. The route was intended only as an experiment and the *Sun* rightly predicted the stamps "issued may be very few."—Clipping courtesy Capt. Fred G. Meyers.



W. C. Witte of Trenton, N. J., supplies this additional matter on the "F" plate numbers, as written by the late Hugh M. Southgate in the Bureau Specialist: "The initial 'F' is in front of most plate numbers stands for Frank Martie, not for the word 'finished' as has been assumed. After the required number of stamp designs has been transferred to a printing plate, it is hardened at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing under supervision of Frank Martie, who then tests the plate with a solerescop to see that the treatment has shortened the steel plate no more than .02 of an inch in the direction of the grain. If it meets with his approval, Mr. Martie stamps the plate with the initial of his first name, usually in front of the plate number, before passing it on to the Supt. of the Engraving Division and the Asst. Director of the Bureau for final inspection."

A list in catalog form of the Essays and proofs for U. S. Beer Stamps appeared in the January *American Philatelist*. Few copies are known of most of these colorful engravings.

We have been shown by Fred Hatton, Jr., of Columbus a Reciprocal Cachet which does not appear to have been previously reported. This is the usual size single line circle enclosing the wording "DETROIT AMERICAN PKT. 24 PAID" and a date in June of 1862. The letter was mailed from Stratton, England on May 17, 1862, is postmarked at Liverpool on the 19th and addressed to Portsmouth, Ohio. Postage is paid with 12d in British stamps. Apparently this letter was routed via the Great Lakes before being turned over to the U. S. postal service.

On May 1 there will be established the Georgetown Addition Rural Station and the Van Winkle Rural Station, both at Jackson, Miss.

The American Philatelic Society has four Springfield chapters: Ohio, Mass., Ill. and Mo.

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Proofs To Royal Collection

Pages from the collection of King George VI were displayed not long ago at the Royal Philatelic Society. It was explained that progressive proofs of British colonial stamps had previously been destroyed after serving their purpose, but the Crown Agents had agreed to deliver a set of each stamp for the royal collection.

• Capt. A. S. Penniston, 15th Inf. TNG. BN, Camp Wheeler, Macon, Ga. offers to mail covers for collectors at the camp post office (if you send them unsealed, addressed and stamped). We suggest that in writing Capt. Penniston you use commemoratives on your letters—always an appreciated courtesy.

• Many Civil War patriotic envelopes are unavailable under present postal laws which prohibit epithets, terms or language of a libelous, scurrilous or defamatory character on envelopes and post cards.

Largest 1847 Collection

That Edward S. Knapp was a painstaking collector of fine stamps as well as a deep student of philately has been revealed in a thorough examination of his extensive collection which is now being studied and arranged by the Philatelic Research Laboratories. The officials of the Laboratories have not only found a great majority of his covers and stamps in fine to superb condition, but have been amazed to discover individual pieces in album after album that can only be described as perfect.

Particularly worth noting in this connection are the 1847 stamps of the United States. This section includes many copies of the 5-cent value in singles, pairs, strips of three and four, and blocks of four, some of which have been plated, and all of which are in excellent condition. Of the 10-cent value, the collection contains the only superb strip of four known to philately. All of these are cancelled stamps, the cancellations in many cases being rare, if not unique. The covers bearing stamps of this issue are of sim-

ilarly fine quality. Officials of the Laboratories said it is virtually certain that no other collection of the United States 1847 has ever equalled or even approached this one in general excellence and philatelic importance. The cover with strip of four 10c is neatly used from Waukegan, Ill.

• Edward L. Mertz, P. O. Box 5252, Indianapolis, Ind. is preparing his second group of ten mailings with illustrated cachets from places of unusual postmark interest. He will handle covers if they are sent him addressed, unsealed 6 1/4 size only and accompanied by 1c each for forwarding.

• Danzig's 5 mark stamp of 1920 with center inverted is known only in unused condition as the only sheet of 20 was used in making up packets and the fact that the stamps had centers inverted was not discovered until the purchaser of one of the packets noticed the variety. Other purchasers hadn't.

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Elliott Walton asked me to make one small correction, he sold his stock to H. E. Harris, but didn't sell his name, or his good will. Does this mean you are to continue in the business, Elliott?

To refute the charge made by one large wholesaler, who did not get any of the recent Liberian stamps, William Walker showed me covers which passed through the mails containing only these recent issues. The stamps are cancelled Monrovia, and are properly back stamped by the Church Street Annex, division of the New York Post Office. Elliott Walton also showed me the original covers in which he received his shipments from Monrovia. These large packets carried no other stamps but the new ones.

Incidentally, Mr. Walker received another small shipment from Liberia, he is filling all his back mail orders and does not expect to have any left over. In fact he may have to pro rate all the orders.

Among the numerous issues from France in the last five years, there are a few "sleepers." The wholesale supplies on these items have been liquidated, and in a few cases the issues are selling wholesale at a price greater than the current catalogue quotation.

Additional supplies of the Hong Kong set reached New York this week. The temporary shortage is over. This is the direct shipment from Hong Kong. The first day covers on this set were also received.

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The recent Jugoslavia change of government had its own philatelic reaction. Wholesalers are swamped with orders for stamps of this country, in particular all issues with King Peter portrait are especially sought after. The wholesalers have a fair supply of the Jugoslavia stamps but the King Peter orders simply inundated them.

A. Lichtenstein, A. E. Owen, H. L. Lindquist, Hugh Clark, Sidney F. Barrett and Emil Brueching are a committee of experts on U.S., appointed by Arthur W. Deas, President of the Collectors Club, at its last meeting.

Our congratulations to Herman Herst, Jr., for his actions which helped capture the person who was thought to have robbed many stamps from auction books. Specifically Herman recognized some of the stamps which were reported stolen from the Rumark Company. Herman tried to signal his assistant to get the police when he saw the stamps but the crook caught on and dashed out of the office. Herman and Herb Reuben gave chase throughout the building and succeeded in getting the elevator starter to lock the doors. This action resulted in the thief's capture. Of course he protested his innocence saying he purchased the stamps from various dealers, but he couldn't remember their names.

The auction calendar shows no let up on sales for the metropolitan area. The Park-Bernet Galleries have prepared a handsome brochure on the Edward S. Knapp Collection sale. Price is \$1.00.

My booklet pane plate number collector friend just showed me proof that this phase of philately is taken seriously. A letter from another collector on the west coast was shown to me. The writer states that in his spare time he looked over 4,000 booklets and was only able to get a few additions for his collection. These boys are certainly on the lookout for the 100% number.

Defense Base Office

Effective April 10 it was intended to establish a post office branch of New York City at St. Lucia, Windward Islands titled "Marine Detachment, St. Lucia." This office will be established instead of a similar office previously ordered established at "St. Lucia, Leeward Islands," an island that doesn't exist.

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Recreational activities are scarce and the collector can go high and far. In mail was to the letter string; back of corners wax cover—corner hole. March "Remito" Senorita Gomez pesos (ota). The post office cubierta sign of pen—a cover over pen-writer. B., Bogart corner last was the cover holes all cover, cover, bias spool retaining for full patrons the press. The scribed string, writing Administered Telegrapher "C" affixed and is to early printed with line size as at Ibagué indicate stamps: National four four Telegu undecipherable. • Keys bondable ships in cover per cover.

Colombia's Cubiertas

Recently we examined two of the Colombian Cubierta's (Insured Letter Stamps) used on original cover. In this form these stamps are scarce, since the large size of the covers and their usual poor condition didn't tempt collectors of an earlier generation to preserve them. Covers seen range from 3 1/2 to 4 inches high and up to more than 9 inches in length. In mailing such items, customary procedure was to scrawl the address across one side of the letter, then tie in both directions with string; affix cubierta over the string on the back of the cover and seal the huge stamp at corners with red sealing wax. The string and wax combined to prevent—or so it was hoped—surreptitious rifling of the contents. One cover has 50c 1870 design dated at Ibagué, March 18, 1881 and has following the word "Remite" on the Cubierta the inscription "the Señorita Mercedes Gomez B. to Carmen Gomez B., the sum of one hundred fifty pesos (\$150) in National Banknotes to Bogotá." This inscription is signed apparently by the postmaster. Across the face, vertically, of the cubierta is the customary inscription, "Received, Carmen Gomez." Adjoining the cubierta is an ordinary 20c postage stamp, design of 1877, cancelled by two strokes of a pen—a typical Colombian cancellation. The cover on its address side has in addition to pen-written address "Señorita Carmen Gomez B., Bogotá" a hand inscription in upper right corner giving the number of this letter. This last was also customary. On both this and the cover next described will be found two holes above two inches apart on one end of cover, which occur says John Myer, Colombian specialist, as a result of the post office retaining the covers and filing them on hooks for future reference. Evidently post office patrons had to open their insured letters in the presence of the postal clerk.

The other cover is much like the one described above, except it was not tied with string. The envelope was made by folding writing paper, and is addressed "Provisional Administrator of National Finance to the Telegraphist of Espinal." In upper right corner "Certificado Official No. 52." The stamp affixed to other side is an Official Cubierta and is the typeset design first issued according to early editions of Scott's in 1874. It is printed in black on white note paper ruled with light blue lines, and is of same general size as the ones for public use. It is dated at Ibagué on April 1, 1881 and the inscription indicated the letter contained a shipment of stamps: "The Provisional Administrator of National Finance (sends) Notice No. 32 and four hundred stamps of 20 centavos to the Telegrapher of Espinal." Again signed by an undecipherable autograph. Across this is signed "Received the Telegrapher, Teofilio Zerrate."

Keystone Cover Exchange, Box 16, Carbondale, Pa., will service covers from all ships in U. S. Navy. Send 6-3/4" ready to go covers" marked for ships desired with 1c per cover service charge before May 15, 1941. Commemoratives on wrapper appreciated.

Judge—(Glaring down at a swindler stamp dealer) "How could you swindle so many philatelists when you knew they trusted you?" Prisoner—"But, your Honor, stamp collectors who don't trust you can't be swindled."



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ANOTHER TIP

Now that I have found some one who is collecting a specialty that I long and laboriously advocated I will bring forth another which I hope some collector will see fit to try. I think the perforated 10 issue of 1923 would make a very fine specialized collection. It is ideal from the standpoint that it is limited yet is large enough to let the collector stretch out and not become stagnated. Eleven varieties and with a 10c highest value seems to be the perfect setup. No new varieties coming out, and they have been out long enough for every holder of a job lot of precancels to have some. The catalog makers have recognized the fact that they are not as common as most perf. 11s and they have been priced somewhat above normal with a pretty stiff boost coming when the next edition of the catalog appears. So now is the time to gather them in. Four or five years hence it will be too tough going to maintain interest in them.

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Of times I wonder if at the beginning of the printing of catalogs etc. if the listing of only the PRINTED PRECANCELS would have lengthened the life span of the general precancel collector. Fifteen years ago almost half of the precancel collectors were out and out general collectors and those that were specialists almost always had a general collection too. Since then the trend has been to break down the collections into states, denominations or types. The reason chiefly because of the seemingly large number of precancels and most of these handstamp precancels. I would estimate that three-fifths of all precancels are handstamps. Therefore I feel that if only the printed precancels were considered there would still be quite a few general collectors with us today. I too would want positions to be disregarded and doubles, triples etc. to be de-emphasized as much as possible. This would mean a further cut in the total number of collectable varieties and be a stabilizer to a large degree. What no ups or downs or inverteds? Yes, no ups or downs or inverteds. If you are a U. S. collector interested in postmarks, does it make any difference if the mark you are after is inverted or not? No it doesn't and if anything you would rather have a normal postmark than one in any other position, I think this idea of placing value on inverts ups and downs etc. is a carry over from the foreign field in the surcharge department.

NOTES

The very tough town of Lancaster, O., has seen the light or something, anyway we have the DEFENSE SET and the 1/2, 1, and 1 1/2 Presidencies from there. Type U-121.—West Virginia precancels are always pretty tough to get a hold of or have you a scad of them.—1c Defense Greenwood, Ind. U-121, 1/2 Presidential, Circleville, O. U-121—You haven't forgotten about the Precancel Meet at Columbus have you? Maybe you'll have time to make it.

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Familiar Names Heard Again

As the Nazi war machine invaded Greece and Jugoslavia, names familiar many years ago to philately were heard again. Fiume, which Jugoslavia had hoped to obtain at end of the war, went instead to Italy and much of northern Jugoslavia which was commercially tied to the port had since struggled under handicaps; so it was no surprise that



promptly upon opening of hostilities in April, 1941 that Jugoslav troops invaded Fiume. Fiume has had many kinds of stamps, ranging from its first ones under the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. Thrace and Macedonia, host to seemingly interminable wars are in the midst of another. The area has seen many kinds of postal paper, some of it in use for very short periods: Turkish, Greek, Allied Administration, Bulgarian, British, etc. Scutari, Salonica and others are names familiar enough for special issues. Whether the swiftly moving present war will result in duplication of past provisional issues remain to be seen.

• During 1940 Guatemala sold in its postal service the following quantities of stamps: ordinary postage Q. 161,617.53, exterior air mail Q. 70,046.42, interior airmail Q. 7,447.30 and postal tax stamps Q. 49,251.80. A slight increase over 1939 was noted. The quetzal is the same value as the U. S. dollar.

PRECANCELS

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Last Chance Call

There has been a need and there will be an ever increasing need for a magazine of the type of this new "Collector Magazine."

It is not a Stamp Magazine in the sense that we know the stamp magazine of the present day. True, its background comes from the great Hobby of Stamp Collecting, but it will be different than the ordinary stamp magazine, in that we will ignore in so far as possible straight stamp news and devote the magazine wholly to all of those various branches of stamp collecting that have thus far been without representation or with a press that has been lacking in much that a real magazine should give to its readers.

Few of the branches of stamp collecting have been strong enough to support a publication alone. We therefore propose to combine in one magazine, all of those interesting hobbies and branches of stamp collecting that are frowned upon in the regular philatelic press and give them a publication for their very own.

Will have special departments devoted to many different subjects, among which we mention

Miscellaneous Cachets

Postal Markings

Christmas and Charity Seals

R.P.O. Cancels and Covers

Meters

Philatelic Labels

Poster Stamps

Postal Stationery

First Day Covers

Air Mail Covers

Naval Covers and Ship Cancellations

Foreign Covers

Patriotic Covers

War and Censored Covers and Other

Features.

Other subjects will be added as demand calls for them. All of these subjects will be handled by reputable and able writers. Their names and addresses will appear at the heads of their respective columns so that interested collectors may send news and other manuscript direct to them or to the office of the publication.

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